

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicants and their attorneys wish to make of record the following patents and patent references, copies of which are provided herewith, in connection with the above-identified application. The citation of the following patents and patent references should not be construed as an admission that any of them constitute statutory prior art relative to the present application.

U.S. Patents

4,107,114**
6,190,767
6,242,531

Foreign References

EP 0 313 849**
EP 0 697 423**
FR 2 328 505**
WO 97/07174

Applicants also take this opportunity to notify the Examiner of the existence of the following co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. patent application, which may be considered relevant to the present invention and a copy of which is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience and consideration:

U.S. Serial No. 10/082,393
Entitled: PROCESSES FOR PREPARING NON-GELLING
HIGH POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND
THERMOPLASTIC BLENDS THEREOF
Filed: February 25, 2002
(Atty Docket: A01197)

It is also noted that the above-listed patents and patent references which are designated with asterisks ("**") have been cited in a separately-filed Information Disclosure Statement submitted in connection with the above-identified co-pending,

commonly owned application, US Serial No. 10/082,393. More particularly, the above-listed patents and patent references which are designated with asterisks ("**") were cited in a European Search Report issued in connection with Applicants' European Application No. 02 25 1051, filed February 15, 2002, which corresponds to US Serial No. 10/082,393. A copy of the aforesaid European Search Report is enclosed herewith and provides an indication of the relevance of the patents and patent references cited therein to US Serial No. 10/082,393.

It is noted that FR 2 328 505 is a non-English document. US Patent No. 4,107,114 corresponds to FR 2 328 505 and is, therefore, being cited and provided herewith to provide the Examiner with an English language version of FR 2 328 505. Applicants and their attorney are not currently in possession of an English-language translation of EP 0 313 849, but will be happy to provide such a translation upon the Examiner's request.

In addition, the remaining three above-listed patents and patent references (i.e., U.S. Patent Nos. 6,190,767 and 6,242,531 and International Patent Application Publication No. WO 97/07174) were cited in a U.S. Office Action recently issued in connection with the above-identified co-pending, commonly owned application, US Serial No. 10/082,393. These three references are being cited herein for the sake of ensuring full and complete disclosure. In this regard, it is noted that International Patent Application Publication No. WO 97/07174 is a foreign language document, but includes an English language abstract. In the foregoing circumstances, no further comments are deemed necessary.

A completed Form PTO-1449 is being provided (in duplicate) herewith to facilitate the Examiner's consideration and entry of the above-listed patents and patent references in connection with the present application.

The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made, or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists. The Examiner may find the enclosed documents to be relevant to the invention of the present application. The enclosed documents are being cited and provided herewith for the sake of ensuring complete disclosure.

CONCLUSION

A fee of **\$420** is believed to be due in connection with the submission of the Amendment portion of this paper, since it is being submitted within two months after the originally set due date for response to the Office Action. This \$420 fee is addressed by the accompanying Petition for Extension, which authorizes this \$420 to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1850**.

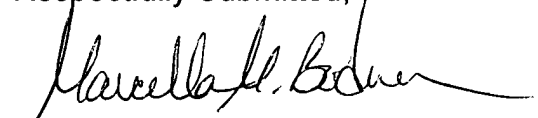
In addition, a **\$180** fee is believed to be due in connection with the submission of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement portion of this paper, since it is being submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this \$180 fee to **Deposit Account No. 18-1850**.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Amendment and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. If, however, any such fees, including petition and extension fees, are due in connection with the submission of this Amendment and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to **Deposit Account No. 18-1850**. In the meantime, please direct all future correspondence relating to the present application to the undersigned attorney.

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Atty Docket No. A01198	Serial No. TC 1700 10/082,274
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U.S. Patent Documents

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	Class/Subclass	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,107,114	08/15/1978	Nakayama, et al.		
	AB	6,190,767B1	02/20/2001	Ishikawa, et al.		
	AC	6,242,531B1	06/05/2001	Craun, et al.		
	AD	10/082,393		Cruz, et al.		02/25/2002
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	Class/Subclass	Translation Yes/No
	AL	EP0313849B1	29.09.1988	Europe		
	AM	EP 0697423B1	20.01.1999	Europe		
	AN	2328505	05/20/1977	France		
	AO	WO97/07174	27.02.97	PCT		
	AP					

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*EXAMINER: Initial reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.